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AGRICULTURE.

The presence of a trained gentleman to investigate our local agricultural conditions will be of advantage to the community at large and shows us that the Department of Agriculture in Washington is alive to our needs and will do everything in its power to further the minor industries of the Territory. It is to study this phase of our agricultural industry that Professor Stubbs has come to the Islands.

As far as our main agricultural industry, the cultivation of sugar cane, is concerned, we have very little if anything to learn. In this direction we are rather in the position to teach. There is probably no country in the world where the cultivation of cane has been so scientifically carried on as here. With Doctor Maxwell as adviser, with the most careful series of experiments upon soils, fertilizers and various kinds of cane we have obtained results which are the envy of other cane growing countries. So satisfactory have our results been that Queensland has secured Dr. Maxwell to become its agricultural adviser.

But however well we may have done in our main industry, we have seriously neglected our minor industries, and it is to these especially that Professor Stubbs will devote himself. Our ability to raise the very finest of vegetables is undoubted. At Waimea, on Hawaii, there used to be, and probably is, a farm upon which the very finest of cabbages, cauliflower, asparagus, potatoes, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries and many other vegetables and fruits were raised. The difficulty however lay in getting them to market. There was a limited local demand, but the surplus found no sale. It was too costly to send to Honolulu where there was a market, and the consequence has been that the farming operations instead of enlarging have been contracting.

That Professor Stubbs will do much to stimulate interest in "truck" gardens is undoubted, but besides inspiring this interest he will have to study the question of getting the produce to market. It is a subject which has stood in the way of development in this direction for years. We lack neither the soil nor the water, but we do lack the means of transportation. Of course conditions are better now than they used to be, because we have roads over which wheeled vehicles can pass, and vegetables can be properly packed in crates and carried on wagons. But the going and coming of inter-island steamers is necessarily uncertain, and vegetables cut in Waimea are likely to spoil on the beach at Kawaihae while waiting for shipment.

Our only hope in the "truck" business will lie in a cold storage steamer. This we may hope for when the new meat company gets started. The steamer will bring down beef from the Mainland, and will depend upon a return cargo of fruit and vegetables. We will then get an outlet for some of our products to California, which will command good prices. As for vegetable trade between the Islands, it would require a special steamer which could be depended upon to run on exact schedule time to carry it on. Steamers which take passengers and freight, and which have no cold storage cannot be expected to be of any avail in such a trade. Now it does not seem likely that a special fruit and vegetable steamer, plying between the Islands would pay.

There are many things to be considered before any investments would be made in the "truck" industry. But one thing is certain. Professor Stubbs can help as materially to raise the quality of our vegetables. The quality of vegetables raised in the vegetable gardens around Honolulu, is very inferior, and as for the choicer kinds of vegetables we know absolutely nothing about them. Whether the apathetic celestial gardener will listen to the advice of the Fan Qui scientist is again another problem, but there can be no harm in trying to rouse him from his apathy.

CHINA.

A day's later news throws no further light upon the situation in China, save that it shows there is dissension among the allied leaders and emphasizes the fact that the Chinese gain by delay. The statement that the Ambassadors are safe in Peking is not credited in Europe, though there is a disposition in the United States to believe the story. If the people at the embassies were safe it would have been possible to have communicated with them direct long before this. The fiction of their being alive, however, is being cleverly used by the Chinese. They practically tell the allies that the members of the embassies are alive and well, and that they are able to protect them, but that if the allied troops move upon Peking their power to protect will cease, and they will not be answerable for the consequences. It is a most ingenious piece of bluff and throws the apparent

safety of the envoys upon the action or inaction of the allied leaders.

A more serious aspect of the position is the attitude of the Southern governors. These are evidently in sympathy with the northern rioters. One governor states that he can give no further protection to foreigners in his province, and accounts of riots occurring in the south are quite frequent. All this points to a national seething the results of which is very hard to foresee.

If the Chinese break loose and join in with the mongol and other tribes of central Asia, there can be no doubt that despite our excellent arms European civilization will be very seriously threatened. The material progress of a great part of the world will be seriously retarded.

If even the Chinese are successful in driving the foreigners from all the treaty ports and closing them against trade they will damage the commerce of the world very considerably, and no nation will feel it more than United States. It is not only the present disruption that we must consider, but it is the future prospect, and one must confess that the future prospect looks very dark indeed.

LESSONS LEARNED.

The Boer war is dragging out to a most unsatisfactory finish but though every now and again the Boers break through the line which is slowly but surely contracting around them, the gap is at once filled up and the main result is not materially interfered with. Of this one may be certain. The General who could so maneuver that Pretoria, which was to have been the scene of one of the longest and most memorable sieges in history, had to be abandoned, is so maneuvering that when the war closes, it will be closed once and for all. It may take a month or more, but the result may be looked upon as certain.

It took some time after Roberts reached Africa to organize in such fashion that the defeat of Cronje and the occupation of Bloemfontein came about. Then there was a long wait before the next step, which resulted in the capture of Johannesburg and Pretoria took place, and during that period there were constant raids by the Boers which seemed to promise success, but none of the raids affected the general results. We may, therefore, confidently look for the third and last step which will end the war. But that step will not be made until the General is ready. Lord Roberts has that most useful of all attributes in a general, he knows how to wait, and he is utterly unregardful of criticism.

The Boer war will have proved an excellent training field for the operations in China. Not only has the British army profited by it and weeded out its useless officers, but the other European nations have studied the situation and know what pitfalls to avoid and what advantages to gain. The Boer war has been an object lesson to the world. And the world needed an object lesson. There had been no warfare on a large scale for so long, and the power and usefulness of the new weapons were in a great measure matters of theoretical speculation. All this has been learned. The use of mounted infantry has also been learned, and no army will go into the field again without being well supplied with this mobile force. It may be that the Boer war came as a school for protecting our Western civilization from being overwhelmed by the yellow tide.

The opening of the Federal court, with Judge Estee presiding, will be quite an event in the history of the Territory. Slowly but surely we are rounding out our institutions till we shall be entirely in accord with what a true Territory of the United States should be.

Republicans are looking anxiously forward to Saturday evening for the great ratification meeting. It will be carried out with enthusiasm, for the Republican leaders are full of energy and their followers are every bit as energetic. Though our ratification of McKinley and Roosevelt is tardy, it will be none the less enthusiastic and heartfelt. The Territory owes a deep debt of gratitude to the President, and if he is re-elected we may feel assured of a continuance of the prosperity we now enjoy.

The Seaman's Union has come down to the Islands, and will shortly go into active operation. The representative of it who has arrived, claims that it will do away with the shipping masters and crimps, and will therefore be a great benefit both to the sailors and captains. But one calls to mind that at the port of San Francisco there have been considerable difficulties about shipping crews, and that police protection has had to be called in to save crews of non-union men who were threatened by the union men. It may be that in avoiding the rocks of Scylla the water front will get into the whirlpool of Charybdis.

The Democrats poured forth a fine stream of eloquence last evening, and appear to be very sure of their ultimate success. It is no use belonging to a party unless you believe in it. The local Democrats seem to desire to put the 16-to-1 plank in the background and to put forward the anti-expansion plank. But it is useless to attempt this, the 16-to-1 plank was nailed down firmly by the Hawaiian delegation, and it is going to rise up superior to all other planks in bringing about the defeat of the Democratic candidate. Mr. Wise has skillfully helped to push Mr. Bryan into his political coffin.

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